



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH AT NAGPUR

CRIMINAL APPLICATION [APL] NO.1555 OF 2024

[Appa Ninaji Dambre .vs. State of Maharashtra and one]

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CORAM : PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.

DATED : JANUARY 14, 2026.

1. In the present matter, this court observed in order dated 06.01.2026, as under :

1. In the present matter, the learned counsel for the applicant has placed on record the pursis along with copy of Rojnama and details of the pending Special A.C.B. Case No.18/2015. The same is taken on record.

2. From the perusal of the pursis, it is clear that Special A.C.B. Case No.18/2015 was filed on 28.8.2015. After a period of eight years, the prosecution has examined the complainant Balkrishna Sitaramji Ramchaware on 17.1.2023. His examination-in-chief was deferred on 3.2.2023, 27.2.2024 and 20.1.2025. From this, it is clear that for examination of the complainant almost two years period has been taken in the matter.

*3. The applicant has relied upon the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of **Santosh De .vs. Archna Guha and others**, reported in 1994 Supp. (3) SCC 735 and **Pankaj Kumar .vs. State of Maharashtra and others**, reported in (2008) 16 SCC 117, wherein it is held that the applicant has a valuable constitutional right to a speedy investigation and*

trial and if same are unnecessary delayed, then the accused can be given benefit of the same.

2. In view of above, District Judge-2, Akola is directed to furnish explanation as to why there is delay in conducting Special A.C.B. Case No.18/2015. The said explanation be filed within a period of three weeks.

3. List this matter after three weeks.

(PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.)

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